1	2	3	4	5
3.	Lower Bhavani RBC.	2×4	1995-96	Location of power house fixed Price bid for procurement o gen. equipment is under eva luation.
4.	Sathanur HEP	1×7.5	1995-96	Action for land acquisition an evaluation of price bid ir progress.
5.	Pykara Ultimate HEP	3×50	1997-99	Major infrastructural work completed tenders for tunne works under finalisation. Par of land acquisition in litigation.
6.	Parsons' Valley HEP.	1×30	IX Plan	Forest clearance received from MOEF. Topographic survey for tunnel completed.

Financial health of SEBs responsible for power failure

205. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that financial health of the State Electricity Boards are mainly responsible for the power failure in the country; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to ameliorate the situations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. Power failures are caused by low voltage inadequate reactive compensation and/or overdrawal by the constituent States, low frequency due to excessive loads, inadequacy of transmission system and shunt capacitors, malfunctioning of protective relays, maloperation due to human error such as opening of isolator on load, equipment failure such as failure of jumpers, bursting of circuit breaker, failure of voltage transformers etc. and lack of communication and modem load despatch facilities. Improved financial performance may also help over come some of these problems.

(b) To ameliorate the situation, the following measures have been taken:—

1. Adherance to grid discipline by & constituents to match load wit available generation.
2. Timely implementation of trans mission system lements.
3. Installation of shunt capacitors.
4. Maintenance and upkeep of eloc trical equipments protective relay system.
5. Augmentation of load despatel and communication facilities.
6. Appropriate technical measures to localise the faults such as islanding schemes, automatic under-frequence load shedding to arrest fast decay of frequency, installation of statis var compensators and power system stabilisers to arrest voltagi decay in the event of a contingency

Revamping the functions of SEB

206. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to strip the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) from distribution and billing functions and restrict their services upto power generation only as reported in the Financial Exp. dated 8.7.1993;

(b) if so, to whom Government propose to assign the job of distributions and billing responsibilities and whether any workshop in this regard was organised recently by the Power Finance Corporation;

(c) whether Government also propose to do away with the present system of central appropriation to recover SEB's dues for Central Power utilities and coal companies, if so, the details thereof indicating the period involved therein:

(d) whether there is also any proposal to eschew open letter of credit alongwith guarantees ensuring payments from SEBs to power utilities and coal companies etc.; and

(e) if to, when such schemes are likely to be implemented and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): fa) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of fa) above. The workshop organised by Power Finance Corporation was intended to identify the problems being faced by SEBs, in regard to metering, billing and collection, and to find viable solutions.

(c) to (e) The need for streamlining the procedure for central appropriation to recover SEBs' dues for Central Power Utilities *etc.* and to improve the commercial performance of SEBs has been engaging Government's attention; no decision has been taken in this regard.

207. *[Transferred to 4th August,* 1993]

Demand and supply position of power in Southern States

208. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the demand and supply position of power in Southern States;

(b) what steps are taken to fill the gap; and

(c) what is the quantity of power supplied from NTPC National Power Grid to each state; details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) During the period April 1992—March, 1993, the State-wise power supply position in the Southern Region was as under:—

(Figures in MU net)

Name of the State	Requirement	Availability	Shortage	(%)
Andhra Pradesh	26085	24282	1804	6.9%
Karnataka	21665	16050	5615	25.9%
Kerala	7700	7416	284	3.7%
Tamil Nadu	24490	24060	430	1.8%
Southern Region	79940	71807	8133	10.2%